

Embedding and institutionalising climate assemblies

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The challenge

Plenty of evidence that everyday people willing and able to learn, deliberate and come to robust recommendations on climate policy

But often poorly integrated into decision making by commissioning (or receiving) public authority and relevant stakeholders

Why?

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Assembly



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Tensions between different logics

Logic of public governance

Logic of electoral politics

Logic of deliberative democracy

Question to consider

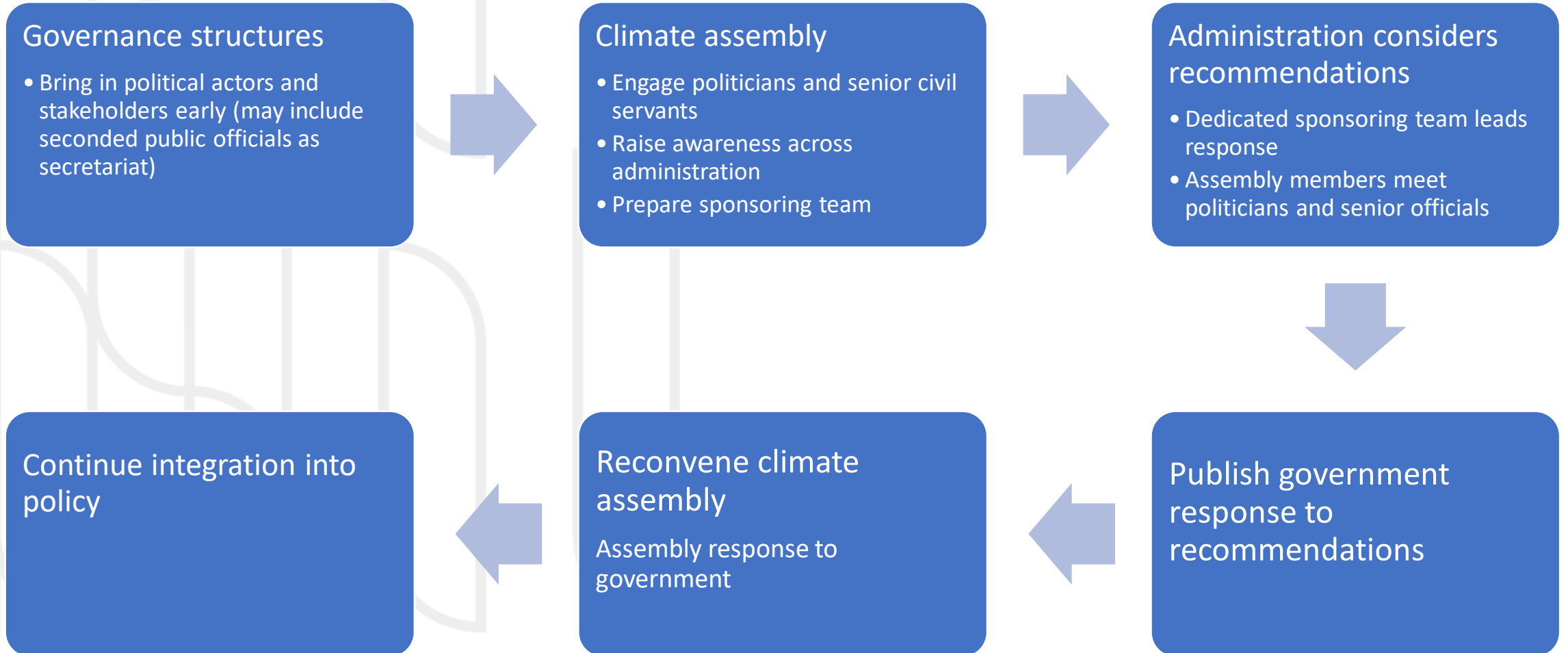
What needs to be in place to better embed recommendations from assemblies into decision making?

- What structures/processes need to be in place *within* administration to better integrate recommendations?
- What structures/processes need to be in place to *monitor/oversee* administrative action?
- Think about different actors, e.g., assembly members, politicians, civil servants, stakeholders (of different sorts)...

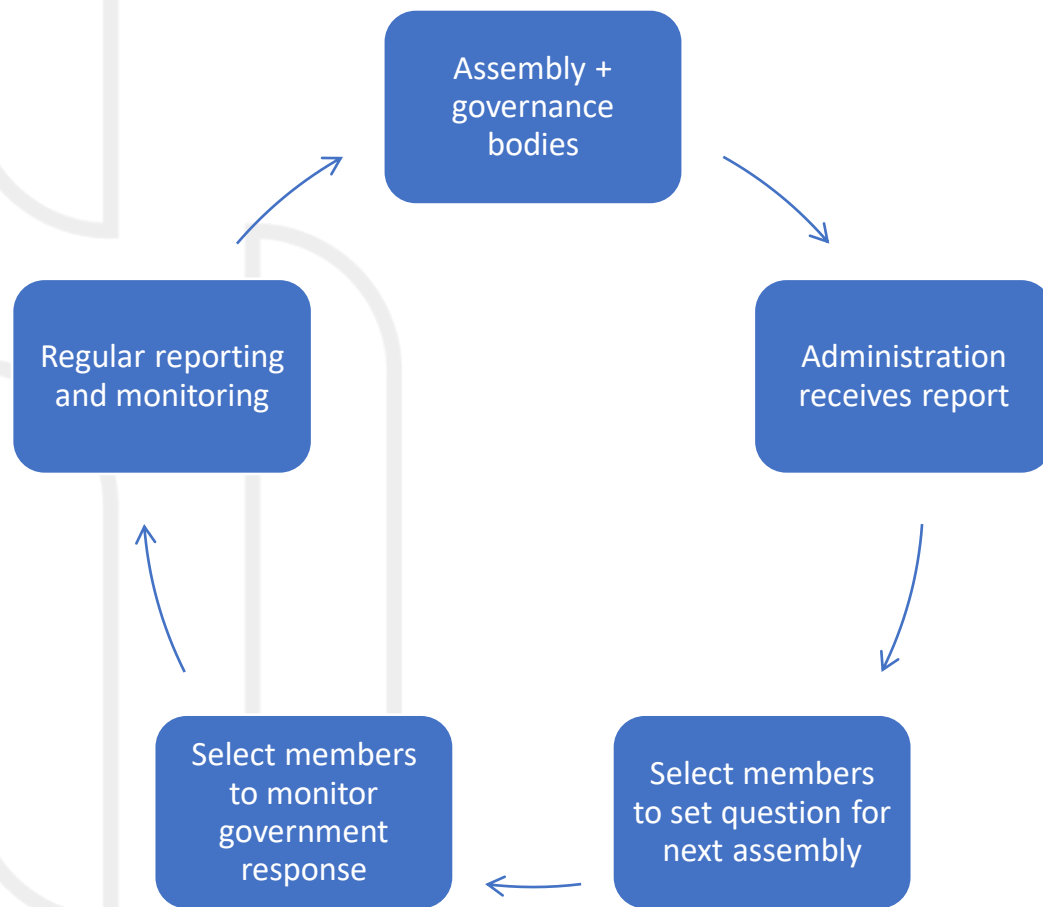
The Irish model



The Scottish model



Brussels model – institutionalisation



Key takeaways

Embedding

Processes and structures in place within public administration (and relevant stakeholders) to integrate recommendations of climate assemblies into decision making

Institutionalisation

Climate assemblies become permanent feature of governance architecture – responsive to changing contexts

Key take aways

Carefully consider how to integrate key actors into assembly process – before, during and after

Politicians

Public officials

Stakeholders

Members of assembly

Media, etc.

Spend as much time and energy on preparing administration (and other stakeholders) to receive recommendations as on preparing the assembly 😊

Keep an eye out for future KNOCA guidance and events on embedding and institutionalisation